

Pastoral Care Specialist Program

Third Tuesdays*
September, 2020 – June, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

* May require adjustments due to pandemic

What: A 60-hour, ecumenical program of specialized training in pastoral care and brief, supportive pastoral consultation (counseling). Building on ACPE** guidelines. Certificate of Completion upon successful completion of the program.

** "ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education"

For Whom: Designed for pastors, students, and lay pastoral care providers who provide pastoral care in congregations and other institutions. This program is particularly useful for:

- *Newer professionals seeking further education and training for providing effective pastoral care*
- *Experienced professionals wanting to refresh, update, and expand pastoral care expertise for general ministry or for more specialized professional work*

Objectives:

- *Strengthen pastoral care practice, personal and professional identity, spirituality, and emotional maturity*
- *Integrate resources from faith traditions with current theoretical and theological understandings and practical skills*
- *Hone pastoral skills for dealing with increased anxiety, uncertainty, and grief during this time of "no-contact" pastoral care*



Strategies for "No-Contact Care"

Components:

- *Didactic Seminars*
- *Peer Support Group (facilitated)*
- *Case Consultation*
- *Assigned Readings*
- *Written Assignments*

Instructor:

The Rev. Sharon L. Mook, D. Min., Ph.D., an ACPE Psychotherapist, with extensive experience as a congregational pastor, psychotherapist, seminary faculty member, and chaplain in a variety of settings

Where:

Pandemic uncertainties leave Southfield/Birmingham location to be determined (Online sessions are possible, at least in part)

Cost:

Registration fee: \$50

Due by August 28, 2020 (nonrefundable)

Tuition for ten months: \$1,500

(books not included)

- *\$750 due by September class session*
- *\$750 due by February class session*

**To register and for further information contact Sharon L. Mook at:
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